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DATE: February 15, 1999

TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: Sam W. Swofford, Ed.D.
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Section 80053 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Pertaining to Credentials Authorizing Service as a Library Media Services Teacher

In accordance with Commission policy, proposed Title 5 Regulations are being distributed prior to the public hearing. A copy of the proposed regulations is attached. The added text is underlined, while the ~~deleted~~ text is lined-through. The public hearing is scheduled on:

April 15, 1999

1:30 p.m.

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Office
1900 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, California

Statement of ReasonsPurpose/Effect of Proposed Action

The proposed amendments to Title 5 Section 80053 are intended to provide clarification of the library duties that require possession of a library media teacher services credential and those duties that may be performed by staff not holding that credential. Within the amendments is a provision for credentialed teachers who intend to obtain a library media teacher services credential to serve as a school library media teacher for a limited time period during which time they must begin to complete credential requirements. This provision is intended to encourage teachers to pursue the library media teacher services credential by easing their transition into the library services field. Specific changes to Title 5 Section 80053, Subsections (b) and (c) are proposed as follows:

- Subsection (b) is amended to establish that the holder of the Library Media Teacher Services Credential is authorized to coordinate or supervise library programs at the school district or county level, and may plan the course of instruction for students who assist in the operation of school libraries;

- Subsection (b)(1) has been added to allow for employers to place a credentialed classroom teacher in the role of the library media teacher, provided the classroom teacher is trained in those duties by a credentialed library media teacher, makes progress toward completing a Library Media Teacher Services credential program and obtains the emergency permit authorizing this service within the first two years of service under this subsection, and obtains the full credential within five years from the beginning of this service;
- Subsection (b)(2) has been added to clarify that non-credentialed personnel may be assigned to assist in the provision of library services, provided that they are trained in their duties by a credentialed library media teacher and that their duties are limited to include only basic services and exclude those services specifically requiring the Library Media Teacher Services authorization; and,
- Subsection (c) has been amended to refer to Title 5 Section 80553 for the dating of library media teacher services credentials.

Documents Relied Upon in Preparing Regulations

None.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

None.

Written Comment Period

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments on the proposed actions. The written comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 1999.

Any written comments received 14 days prior to the public hearing will be reproduced by the Commission's staff for each Commissioner as a courtesy to the person submitting the comments and will be included in the written agenda prepared for and presented to the full Commission at the hearing.

Submission of Written Comments

A response form is attached for your use when submitting written comments to the Commission. Please send it to the Commission, attention Executive Office, at 1900 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95814, so it is received at least one day prior to the date of the public hearing.

Public Hearing

Oral comments on the proposed action will be taken at the public hearing. We would appreciate 14 days advance notice in order to schedule sufficient time on the agenda for all speakers. Please contact the Certification Division office at (916) 445-0234 regarding this.

Any person wishing to submit written comments at the public hearing may do so. It is requested, but not required, that persons submitting such comments provide fifty copies to

be distributed to the Commissioners and interested members of the public. All written statements submitted at the hearing will, however, be given full consideration regardless of the number of copies submitted.

Modification of Proposed Actions

If the Commission proposes to modify the actions hereby proposed, the modifications (other than nonsubstantial or solely grammatical modifications) will be made available for public comment for at least 15 days before they are adopted.

Contact Person/Further Information

Inquiries concerning the proposed action may be directed to Jim Alford, at (916) 323-5067. Upon request, a copy of the express terms of the proposed action and a copy of the initial statement of reasons will be made available. In addition, all the information on which this proposal is based is available for inspection and copying.

Attachments

Title 5 Section 80053. Services Credential Authorizing Service as a Library Media Service Teacher.

(a) The minimum requirements for the Library Media Teacher Services Credential shall include all of the following:

- (1) a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
- (2) a valid basic California teaching credential that requires a program of professional preparation including student teaching, or equivalent;
- (3) completion of either A or B;
 - (A) A Commission-approved Library Media Teacher Services program; or
 - (B) Completion of an out-of-state Library Services Program of at least 30 graduate semester units, approved by the appropriate state agency.
- (4) passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test as specified in Education Code Section 44252(b).

(b) Authorization. The Library Media Teacher Services Credential authorizes the holder to ~~assist and~~ instruct pupils in the choice and use of library materials; to plan and coordinate school library programs with the instructional programs of a school district; to select materials for school and district libraries; to coordinate or supervise library programs at the school district or county level; to plan and conduct a ~~planned~~ course of instruction for those pupils who assist in the operation of school libraries; to supervise classified personnel assigned school library duties; and to develop procedures for and management of the school and district libraries.

- (1) Holders of valid California teaching credentials based upon a baccalaureate degree who do not hold a credential authorizing service as a librarian may assist in providing library services in public schools, provided that they are trained in their duties by a credentialed school librarian and supervised by an individual holding certification authorizing such supervision. Teachers employed to provide library services under this provision must, during the first year of service, either apply for the Library Media Teacher Services Emergency Permit and pursue enrollment in a Commission-accredited regional or distance-learning library media teacher services credential program, or submit to the county office of education a description of the factors that made it impossible to enroll in such a program. All teachers must obtain the Library Media Teacher Services Emergency Permit before the end of the second year of service under this provision.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude local governing boards from employing non-credentialed individuals to assist in the provision of library services, provided that the employment of non-credentialed personnel is not intended to supersede the requirement to include holders of the Library Media Teacher Services Credential in the coordination and implementation of public school library programs. Services provided by non-credentialed personnel shall not include those activities requiring possession of a valid Library Media Teacher Services Credential, as specified in Subsection (b) of this section.

(c) The school library media teacher services credential ~~shall be issued for five years.~~ issued on the basis of the completion of all requirements shall be dated per Title 5 Section 80553.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Sections 44252 (d) and 44269, Education Code.

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Credential Authorizations

Section No.: 80053

Response to the Attached Title 5 Regulations

So that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing can more clearly estimate the general field response to the attached Title 5 regulations, please return this response form to the Commission, attention Executive Office, at the above address by 5:00 pm on April 14, 1999, in order that the material can be presented at the April 15, 1999 public hearing.

1. ☐ **Yes**, I agree with the proposed Title 5 regulations. Please count me in favor of these regulations.
2. ☐ **No**, I do not agree with the proposed Title 5 Regulations for the following reasons: (If additional space is needed, use the reverse side of this sheet.)
3. ☐ Personal opinion of the undersigned. and/or
4. ☐ Organizational opinion representing: _____
(Circle One) School District, County Schools, College, University, Professional Organization,
Other
5. ☐ I shall be at the public hearing, place my name on the list for making a presentation to the Commission.
6. ☐ No, I will not make a presentation to the Commission at the public hearing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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